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## REMARKS

On December 21, 2007, Applicants representative contacted the Examiner to discuss the rejections in the outstanding Office Action. During the telephone call, the Examiner indicated that the independent claims would be considered allowable if they were amended to recite the distinguishing features in claim 6 of related continuation Application Serial No. 11/390,183.

Accordingly, in this paper, claims 21, 30, 41, 45, 50, 64, 71, and 74 have been amended to recite the distinguishing features of claim 6 in the continuation application. Based on these amendments, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

If for any reason the amendments set forth in this paper are deemed to be insufficient for purposes of placing the application into condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the following telephone number: 703-766-3746.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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